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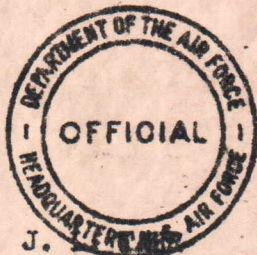
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Under provision of sections 1201 and 1372, Title 10, US Code, LTJEN (MAJGEN) WILLIAM H TUNNER, 374A is relieved from assignment Hq MATS, Scott AFB, Ill, from duty as Comdr, MATS; retired in the grade of Lieutenant General effective 31 May 60, and will proceed home of selection. SDN 563. PCS. TIN. 5703500 048-141 P 531.11 S 503725 0200, 0900.

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BIOGRAPHY

of

Lieutenant General William H. Tunner

Commander, Military Air Transport Service

Scott Air Force Base, Illinois

Lt. General William H. Tunner, Commander of the Military Air Transport Service, is considered the outstanding authority on airlift in the U. S. Air Force.

As a staff officer on the original Ferrying Command, General Tunner emerged as one of the architects of USAF air transport agencies, the first of which was the Ferrying Command which was enlarged into the Air Transport Command, which in turn, was merged with the Naval Air Transport Service to form MATS.

General Tunner was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, 14 July 1906. He was graduated from the U. S. Military Academy in June 1928 and from advanced flying school at Kelly Field, Texas a year later.

During the 1930s, he served with various tactical and training units of the Army Air Corps. In 1939, he was assigned to the Military Personnel Division, Chief of the Air Corps. When General Robert Olds was given the job of organizing the Ferrying Command, General Tunner, then a major, joined the staff as a personnel officer.

When the Ferrying Command became the Air Transport Command, General Tunner was named commander of the Ferrying Division. At that time the Division was ferrying 10,000 planes monthly from factory to user, including over ocean deliveries.

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Later during World War II he commanded the India-China Division of the Air Transport Command which had the responsibility of supplying China by air across the Himalayas. This operation is more commonly known as the "Hump" Airlift, derived from the 16,000 foot gap in the Himalayas through which all air traffic had to be channeled.

Upon assuming command of the Hump operation, General Tunner immediately began to stress improved flying techniques, and demand better aircraft for the job. Oliver LaFarge, Air Transport Command historian during the war, later wrote in his book, "The Eagle in the Egg" "he (General Tunner) increased tonnage beyond any quantity ever carried by air before or since, with a steady increase in safety and efficiency, and at the same time achieved the greatest air troop movement in history". (This was written prior to the end of the Berlin Airlift).

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After the war, the Air Transport Command and the Naval Air Transport Service merged and became the Military Air Transport Service. General Tunner was named commander of the Atlantic Division with headquarters at Westover AFB, Massachusetts. The organization was launched officially on June 1, 1948. Three weeks later, on June 21, the Russians blockaded Berlin and the Berlin Airlift was underway.

At first General Tunner directed the MATS "backup" of the lift from Washington. Later he received orders to go to Wiesbaden, Germany to command the combined USAF-RAF airlift operation. Shortly after arrival he initiated a new "straight in approach" technique that enabled airlift aircraft to be brought in at three minute intervals. The Berlin Airlift set new records for mass airlift and operated with an excellent flying safety record.

On May 12, 1949 the Russians lifted the blockade after more than two million tons of food and coal had been delivered by the airlift.

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General Tunner returned to Headquarters MATS serving as Deputy Commander for Operations from September 1949 to August 1950. Just as things began to revert to a semblance of peacetime operation, Korean hostilities broke out and General Tunner was detailed to the Far East Air Forces as Commander of the Combat Cargo Command.

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This command had the initial job of providing the airlift for the Inchon invasion, subsequent paratroop operations and provided complete airlift support for U. S. 8th Army Forces advancing to the Yalu River. General Tunner was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by General Douglas MacArthur for these airlift operations.

After Korea, General Tunner was assigned to the Air Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, as Deputy Commander. In 1953, he returned to Wiesbaden, Germany, this time as Commander-in-Chief of the United States Air Forces in Europe, a post he held four years during the buildup of the Air Forces of NATO.

In 1957, he was reassigned to Headquarters United States Air Force as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations. On 1 July 1958, concurrently with the assumption of the "Single Managership for Airlift", he returned to strategic airlift as Commander, MATS, with headquarters at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, the position he holds today.

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1. MAJGEN JOE W KELLY, 612A

ASSIGNMENT: DP, is relieved from Hq APGC, ARDC, Eglin AFB, Fla, from duty as Comdr, APGC; assigned Hq MATS, Scott AFB, Ill, for duty as Comdr, MATS and appointed to the grade of Lieutenant General, effective 1 Jun 60, with date of rank 1 Jun 60, under provision of section 8066, Title 10, US Code.

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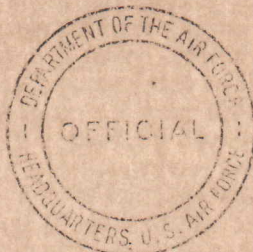
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REPORTING DATA: DDALVP. Report to Comdr, Hq Comd USAF not later than 17 Oct 60. EDCSA: 1 Oct 60.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS: Item 7 on reverse side applies.

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BIOGRAPHY
OF
LIEUTENANT GENERAL JOE WILLIAM KELLY
COMMANDER, MILITARY AIR TRANSPORT SERVICE
SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS

Lt. Gen. Joe William Kelly, 50, assumed command of the Military Air Transport Service (MATS) at its Scott AFB, Ill., headquarters June 1, 1960. He was formerly commander of the Air Proving Ground Center at Eglin AFB, Fla. His promotion to lieutenant general was concurrent with the assumption of his new command.

One of his first tasks was to supervise a massive mercy airlift to Chile where he had served as a member of the U. S. Military Mission earlier in his career.

Gen. Kelly was born in Waverly, Ind., Jan. 19, 1910. He was graduated from high school in Martinsville, Ind., in 1927 and attended Depauw University, Greencastle, Ind., for one year. In 1928, he entered the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., and was graduated in June, 1932, with a commission as a second lieutenant in the Infantry.

After completing flying school in 1933, Gen. Kelly was assigned to the 94th Pursuit Squadron at Selfridge Field, Mich., the same unit to which Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker was assigned in World War I, and whose hat-in-th-ring insignia is still borne by a jet fighter-interceptor squadron of the Air Defense Command. From February to May, 1934, Gen. Kelly was an air mail pilot for the Army Air Corps, flying from Newark, N.J., and Columbus, Ohio. Later he instructed student pilots at Randolph Field, Tex.

Moving to Santiago, Chile, in 1940, he was a member of the U. S. Military Mission in that country for three years. He returned to MacDill Field, Fla., for six months and in June, 1943, was transferred to the European theater of operations. In January, 1944, he became commander of the 386th Bomb Group (Medium), 9th Air Force, a B-26 medium bomber unit. While under Gen. Kelly's leadership, this group attained the most outstanding record of any B-26 unit in the European theater of operation in terms of number of successful sorties flown, tonnage of bombs dispatched, and the enemy aircraft destroyed while at the same time maintaining the highest bombing accuracy score.

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Upon Gen. Kelly's departure from the group, he received this commendation from his division commander: "On the occasion of your departure for another assignment, I desire to commend you for the loyal, aggressive and efficient manner in which you discharged all duties assigned you. I commend you particularly for your aggressive leadership while commanding the 386th Bombardment Group (M). This aggressive leadership, together with your efficient administration of the Group, was directly responsible for its receiving a unit citation awarded for compiling the outstanding record made by any medium bombardment group during its first year of operations in this theater."

Gen. Kelly remained in Europe in various command and staff positions until December, 1944, when he returned to West Point to be Director of Aviation.

He enrolled in the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., in the summer of 1946. After graduation, he served as an instructor and then Chief of Plans and Operations Division.

In January, 1948, the general began a five and one-half year association with the Strategic Air Command (SAC), commanding various SAC bomber units including the Far East Air Forces Bomber Command at Yokota Air Base, Japan.

In 1953 he was assigned to the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Washington, D. C., as Director of Legislative Liaison. In this position he was responsible for the planning and development of public laws affecting the U. S. Air Force and for furthering Air Force relations and liaison with Congress. For his exceptionally meritorious service in this position, Gen. Kelly was awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Service Medal by Secretary of the Air Force James Douglas.

On July 21, 1958, Gen. Kelly assumed command of the Air Proving Ground Center at Eglin AFB, Fla.

His other decorations include: the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with nine Oak Leaf Clusters, the Belgian and French Croix de Guerre, the British Distinguished Service Order, the Chilean Legion of Merit, the Army Commendation Ribbon and others.

Gen. Kelly and his wife, the former Virginia Johnson of Paxton, Ill., are the parents of three children. They are John Michael, Katherine, and Virginia Elizabeth. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Kelly, 1712 Franklin St., Columbus, Ind.